

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action dated June 2, 2006, the Examiner has objected to Claims 7 and 12 in view of certain informalities, and rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicant regards as the invention. By this paper, Claims 7 and 12 (as well as Claims 8, 9, and 11) have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the above noted objection and rejection are now moot.

Furthermore, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,718,879 (Dreher et al.); rejected Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,718,057 (Rosli et al.); rejected Claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,718,879 (Dreher et al.), as applied to Claims 1-4, 11, and 12 above, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,619,209 (Dreher et al.); and rejected Claims 5 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,718,057 (Rosli et al.), as applied to Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 10-12 above. However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that Claim 9 is drawn to allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. By this paper, Claim 1 has now accordingly been amended to more particularly point out that which the Applicant regards as the invention by including the allowable subject matter found in Claim 9 (now also cancelled without prejudice as noted above). Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that amended independent Claim 1, and Claims 2-6 and 10 dependent thereon, which are the claims remaining in this Application, are now allowable.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.99.

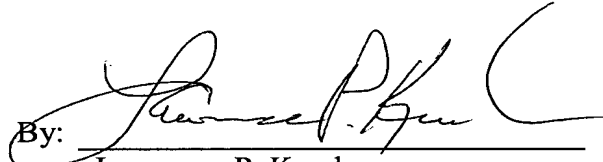
This Application is now believed to be in condition for favorable reconsideration and early allowance, and such actions are respectfully requested.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company, Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.

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